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September 26, 2005

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

IN RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R., Section 54.314, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("PSCSC") hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission that United Telephone Company of the Carolinas has provided a sworn affidavit stating that all federal high cost support received during 2006 will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrade of facilities and service for which support is intended.

Please date stamp the extra copy of this filing and return it to me in the enclosed stamped, self addressed envelope. If additional information is required, please contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Randy Mitchell

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Enclosures:

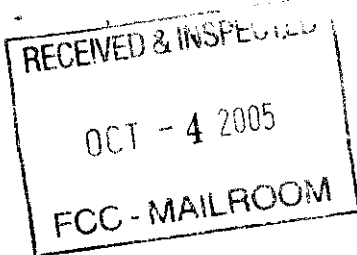
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

COMPANY: UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY of the CAROLINAS
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240506

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PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is C. Steve Parrott. I am employed by United Telephone Company of the Carolinas (the "Company") as its State Executive - NC/SC. As State Executive, I am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. United Telephone Company of the Carolinas hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

C. Steve Parrott
State Executive - NC/SC

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 6th day of September, 2005.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR NORTH CAROLINA

CYNTHIA A. SMITH
NOTARY PUBLIC, NASH COUNTY, N.C.
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 8-28-2007

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 8/28/07